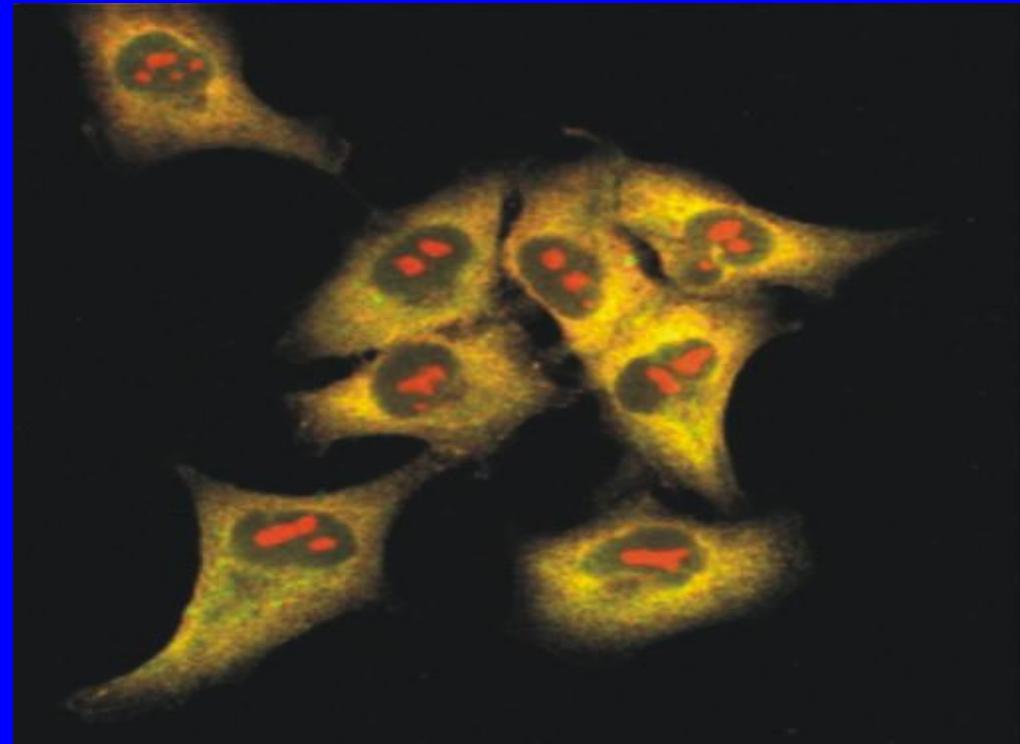
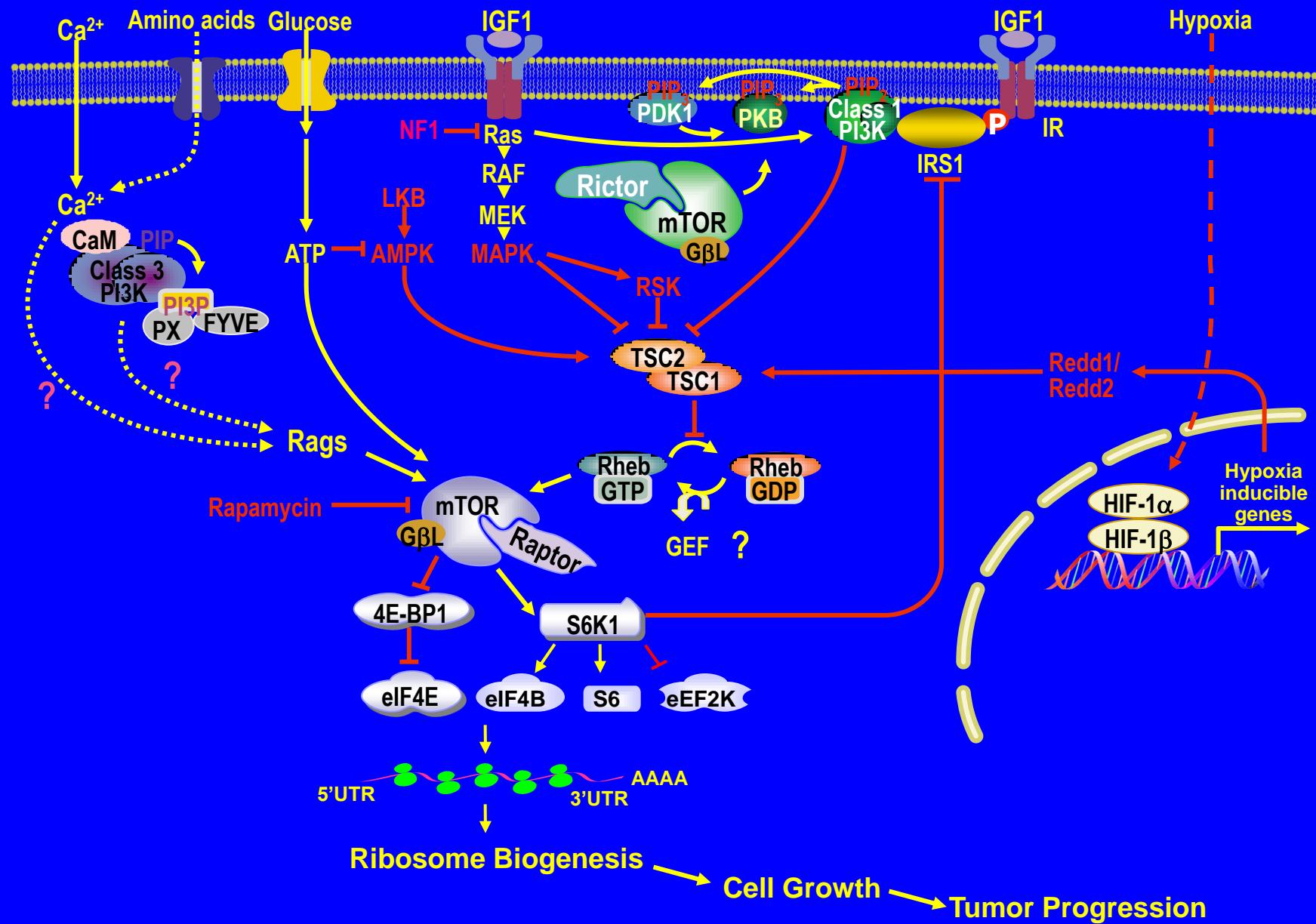


# Introduction to the mTOR Pathway and Protein Translation

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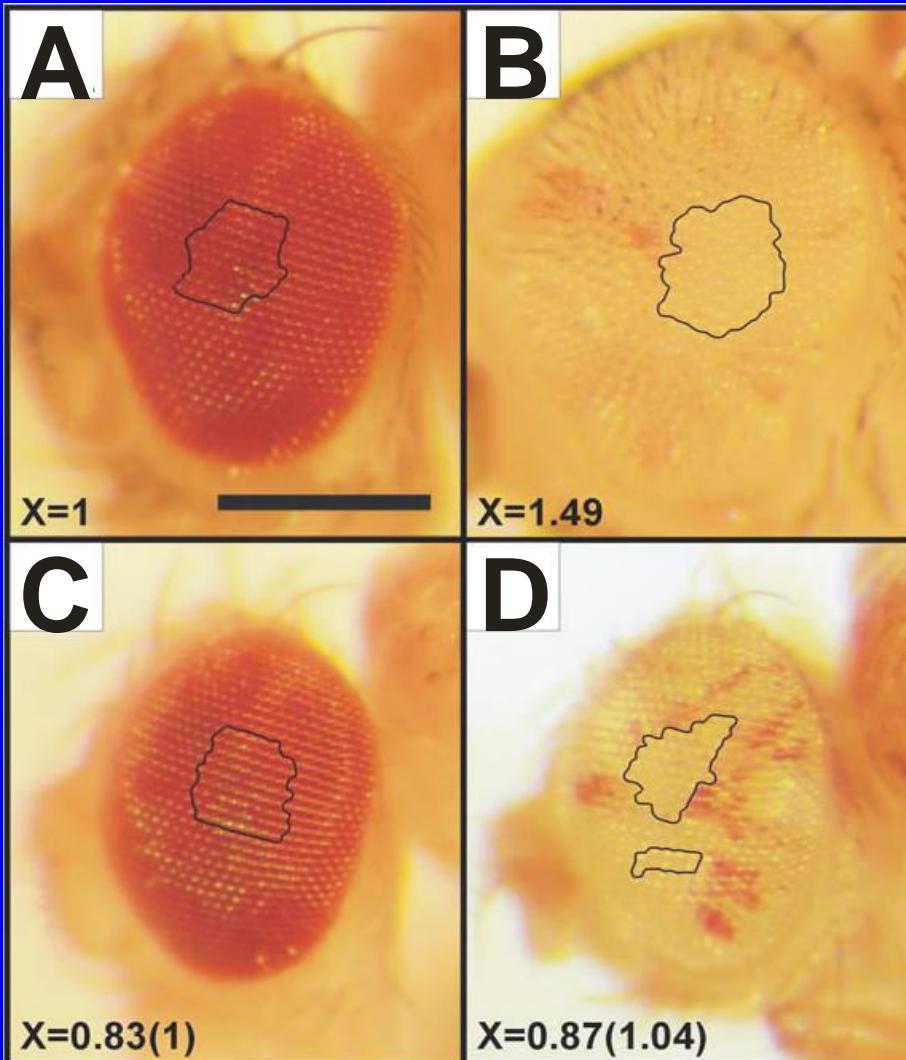
# mTOR/S6K1 Signaling



# **dS6K<sup>-/-</sup> suppresses dTsc1<sup>-/-</sup>**

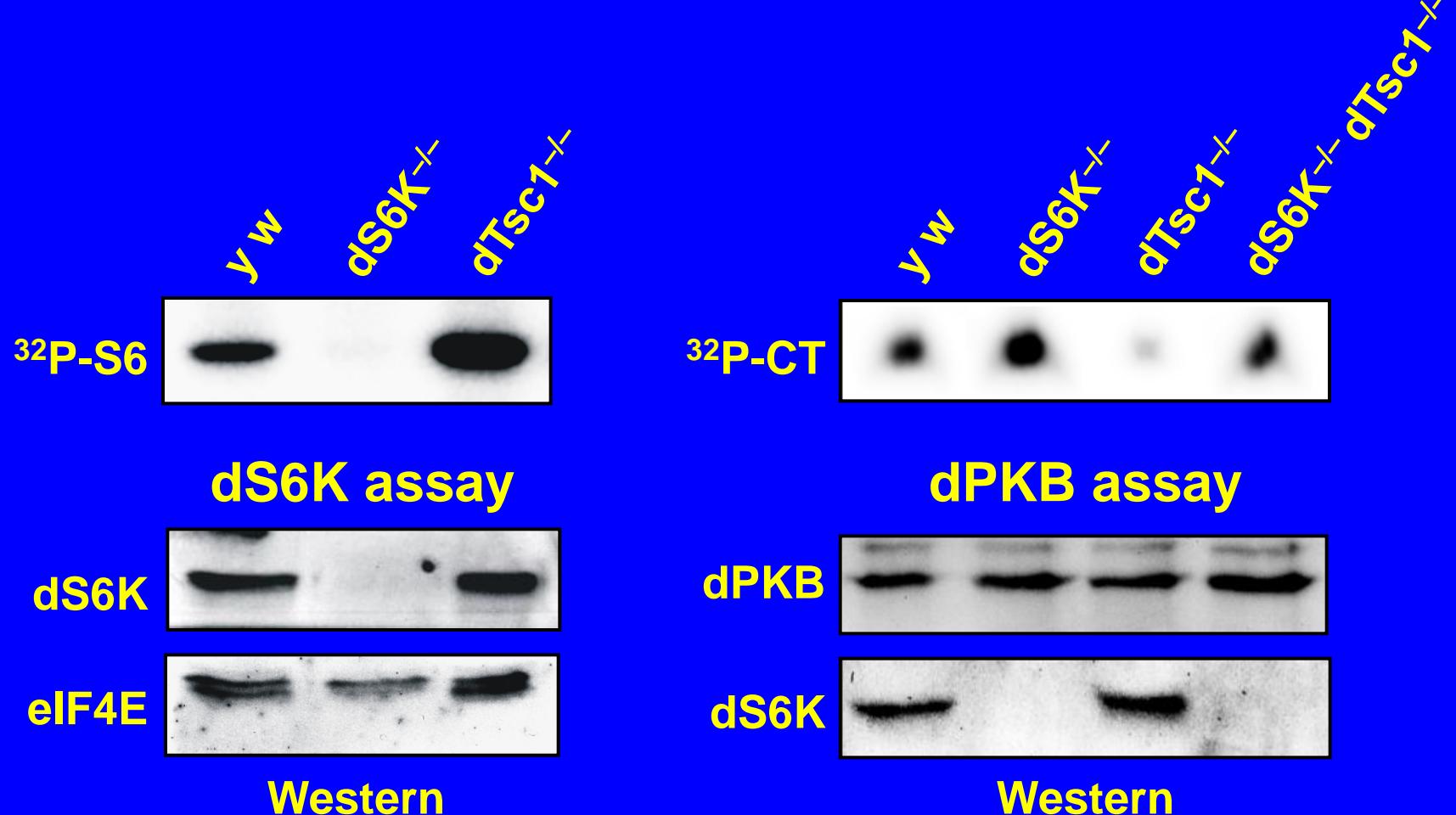
**dTsc1<sup>-/-</sup>**

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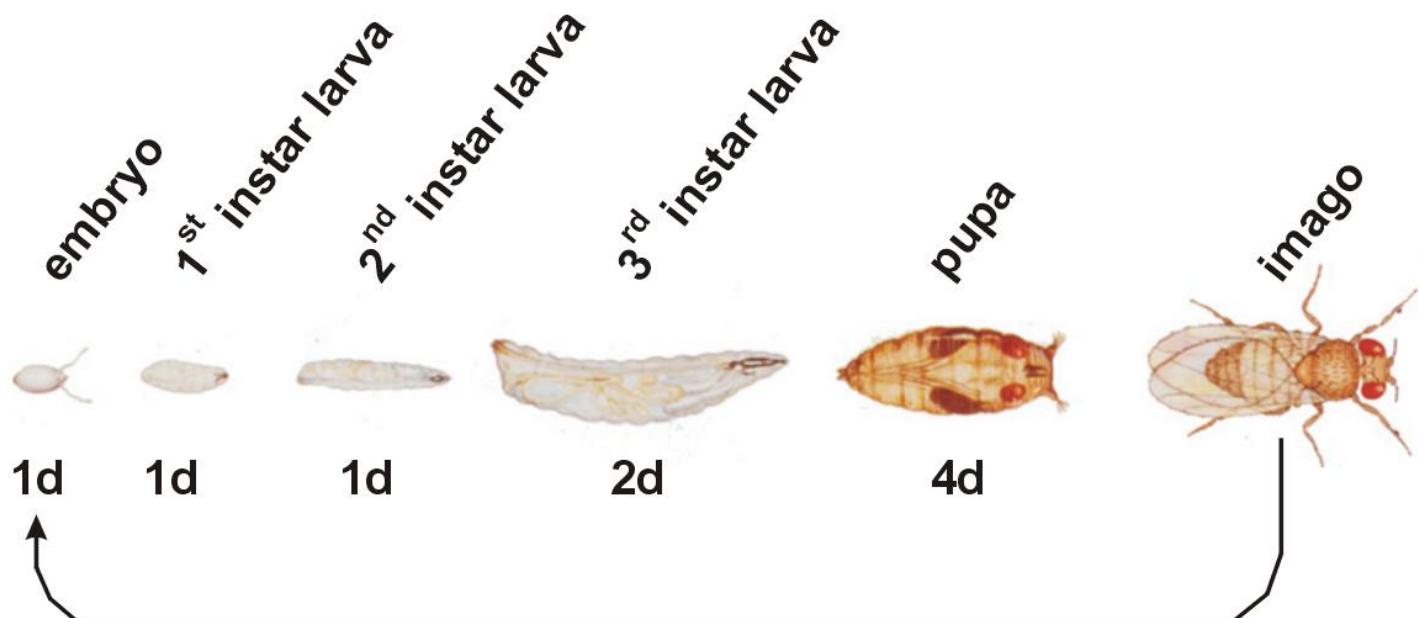


**dS6K<sup>-/-</sup>**

# dTsc negatively regulates dPKB via dS6k

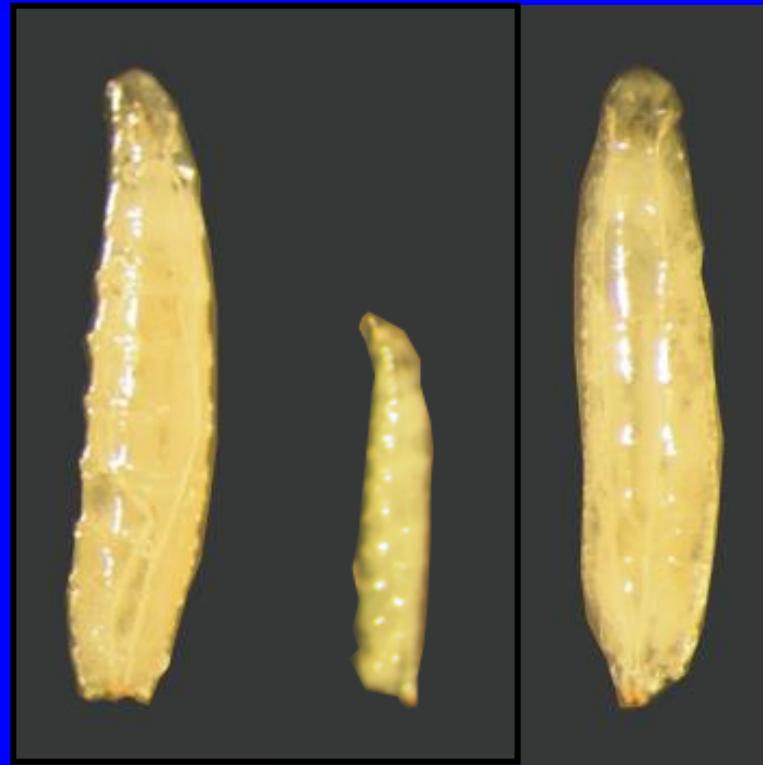


# The *Drosophila* life cycle



Modified from: <http://quantgen.med.yale.edu>

# $dTSC1^{-/-}$ larvae



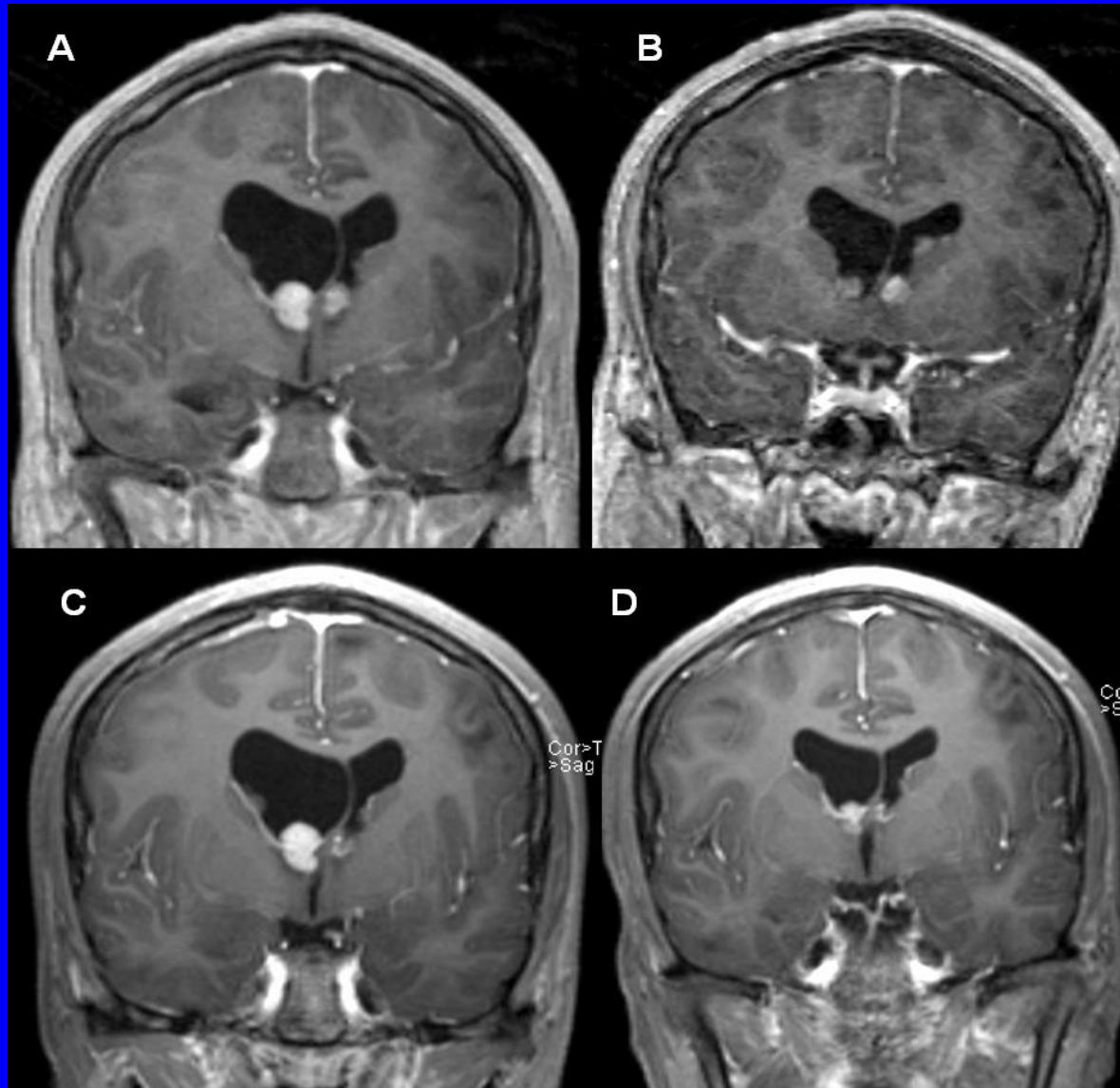
$dTsc1:$      $+/-$                  $-/-$                  $-/-$

$RAD001:$      $-$                  $-$                  $+$

**dTSC1<sup>-/-</sup> flies**



# Effect of Treatment on SEGAs

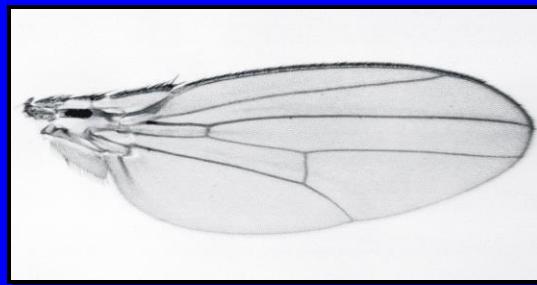


# **Effect of dS6K loss of function on cell growth**

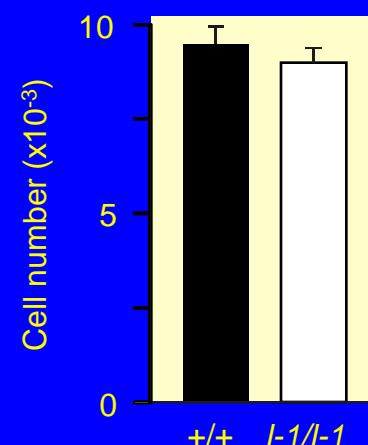
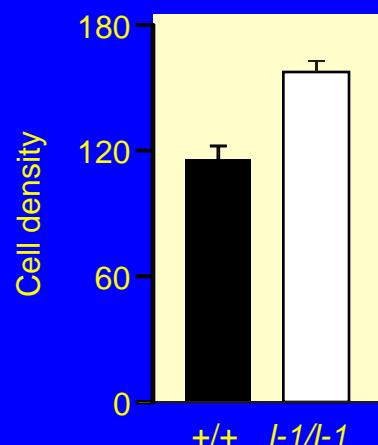
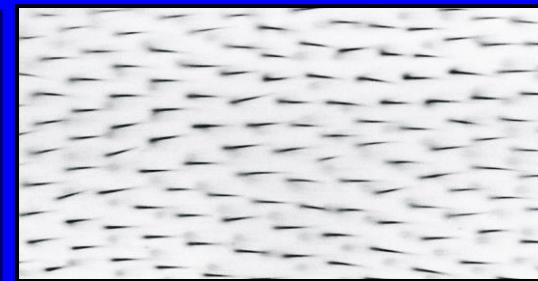
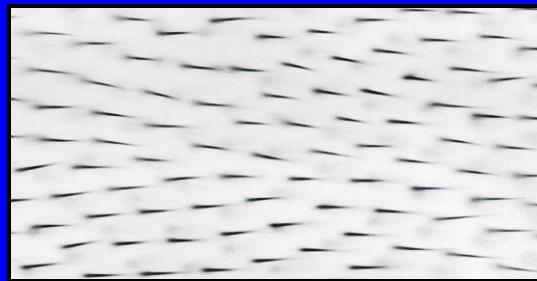
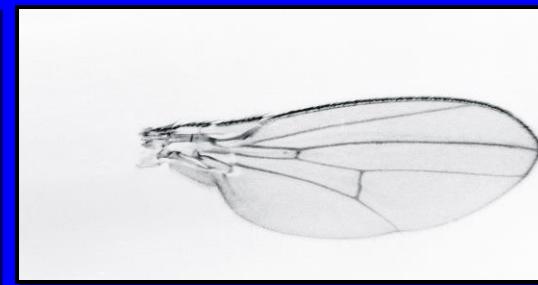


# Cell Size Defect in Wings

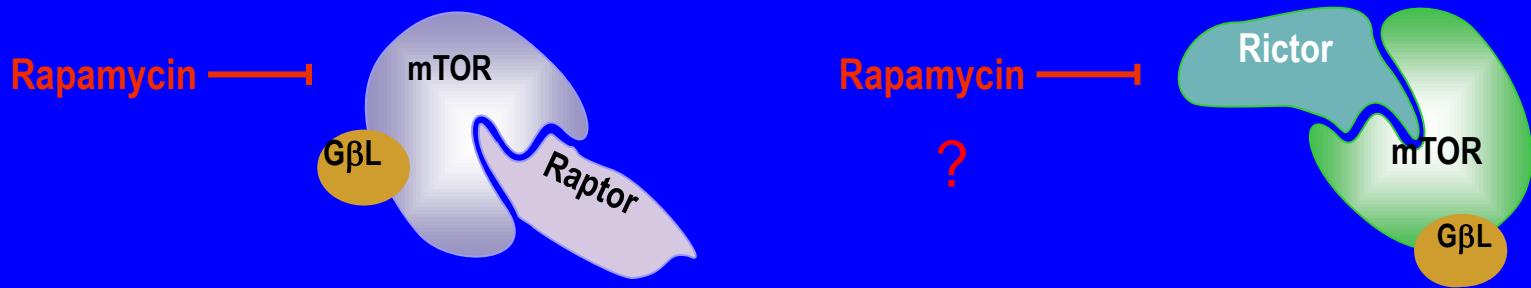
$+ / +$



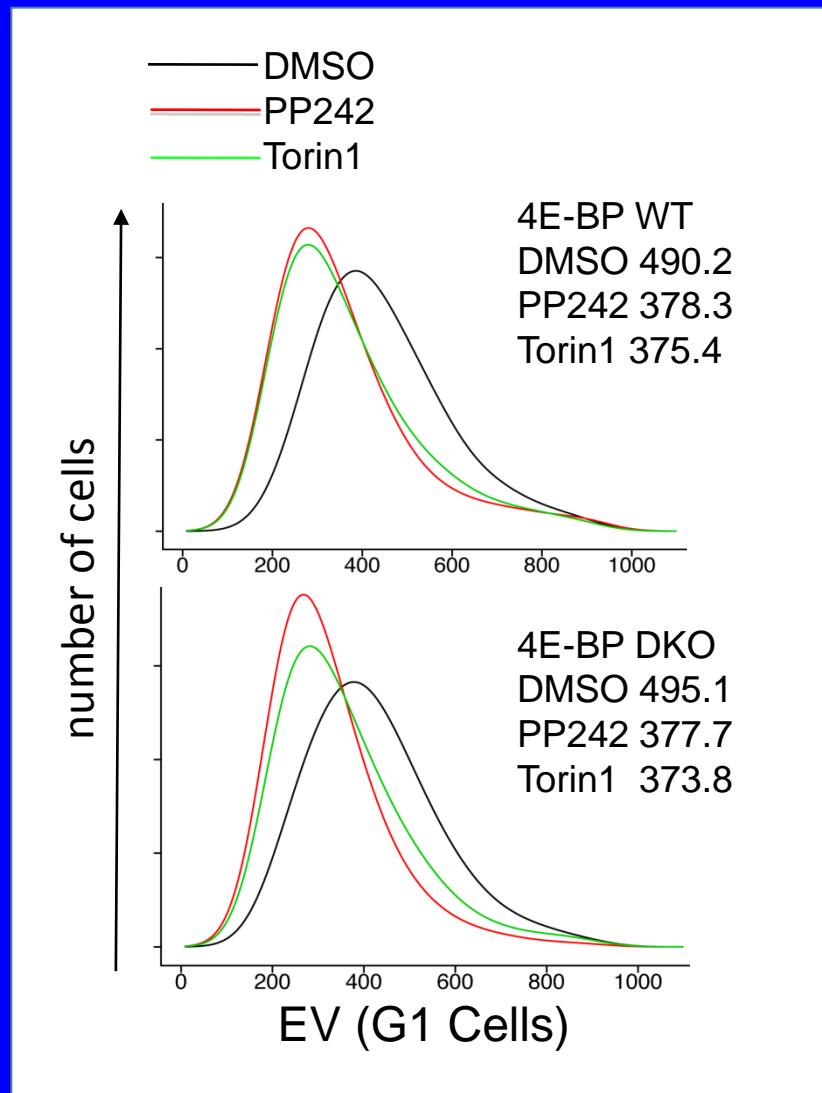
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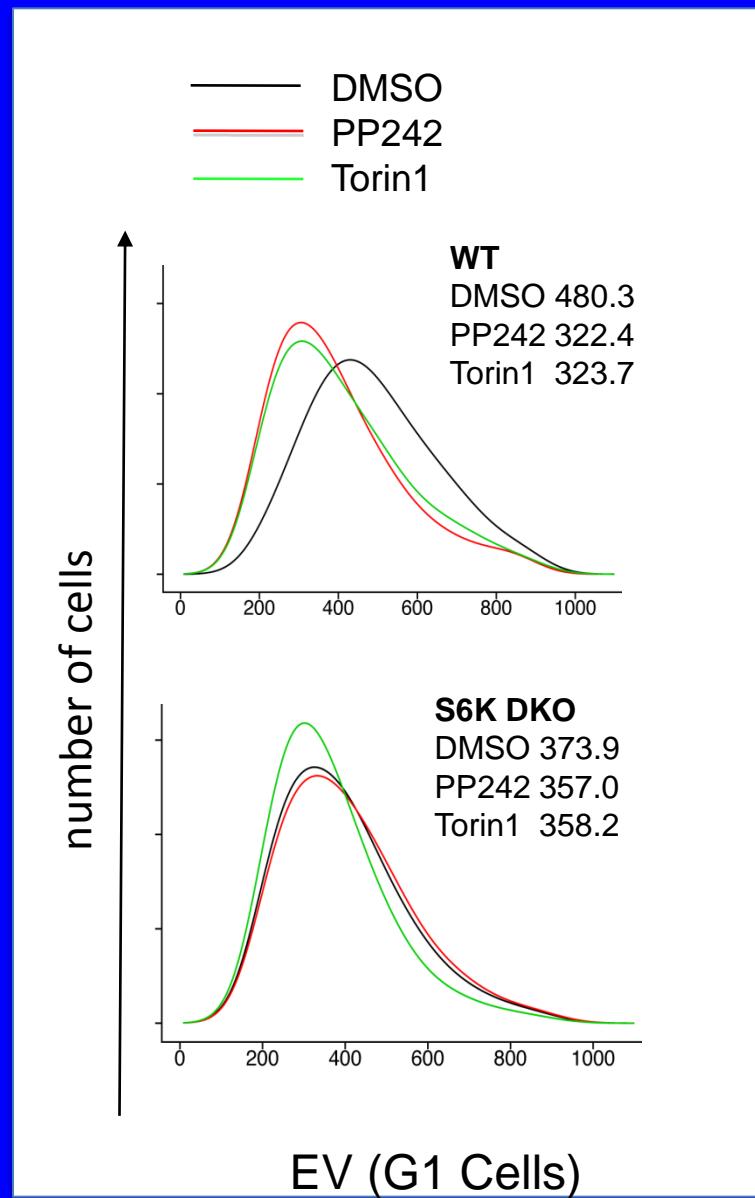
# mTORC1 versus mTORC2: Role of PP242 & Torin



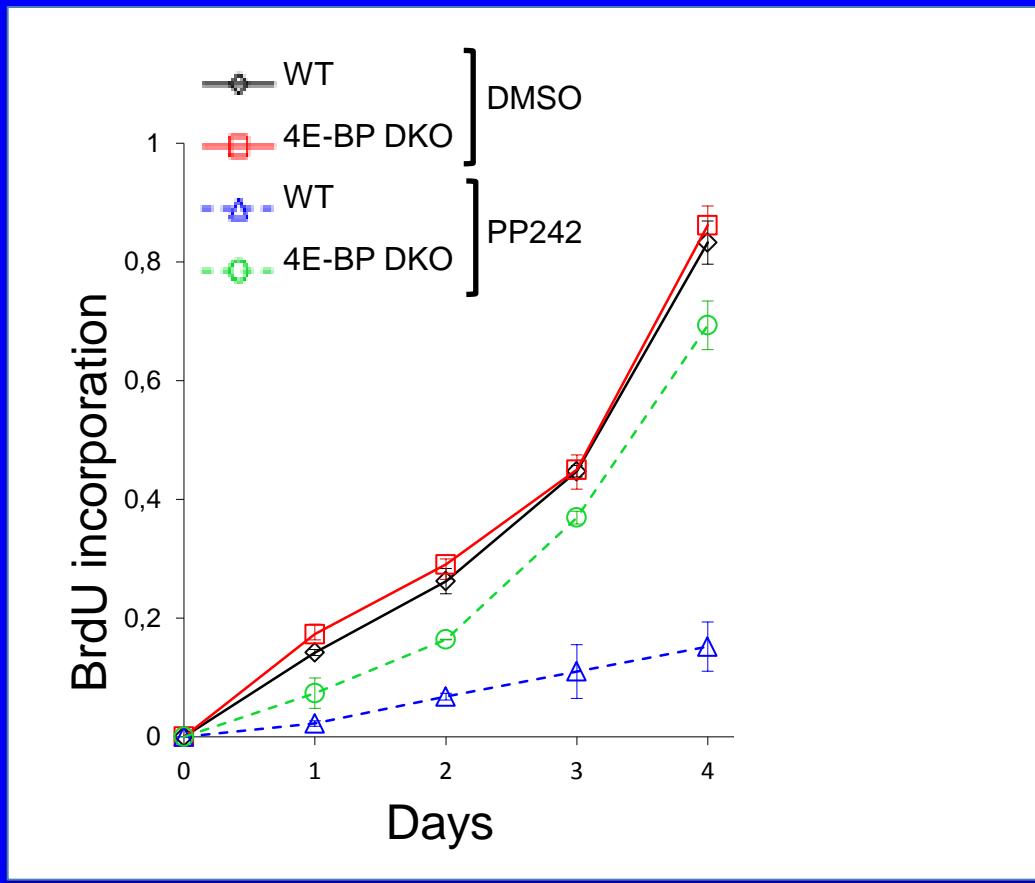
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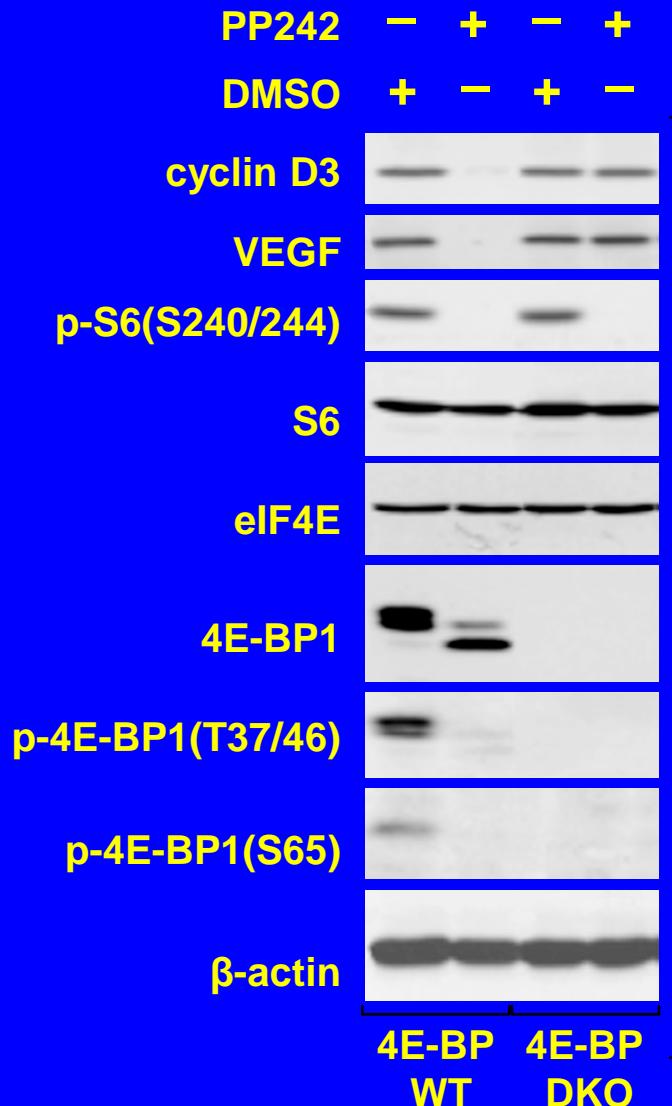
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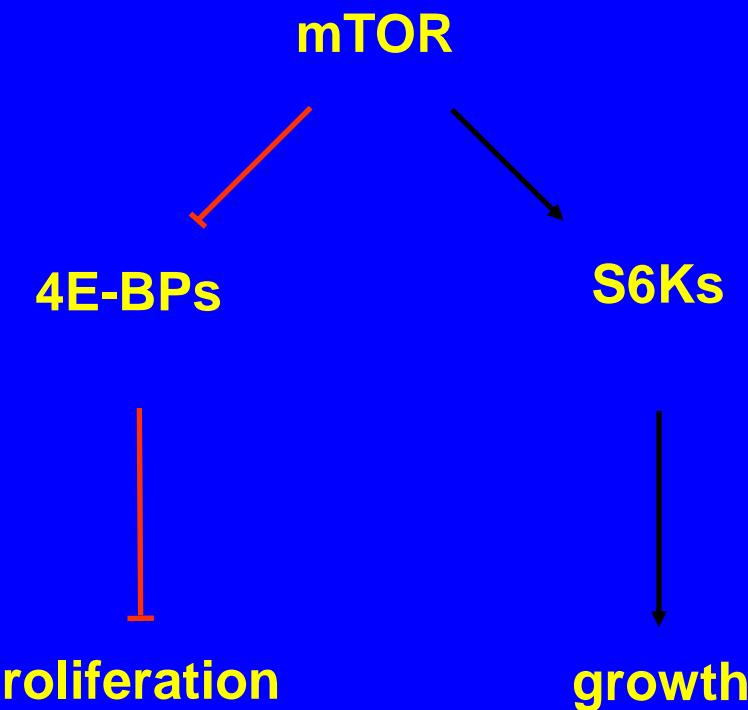
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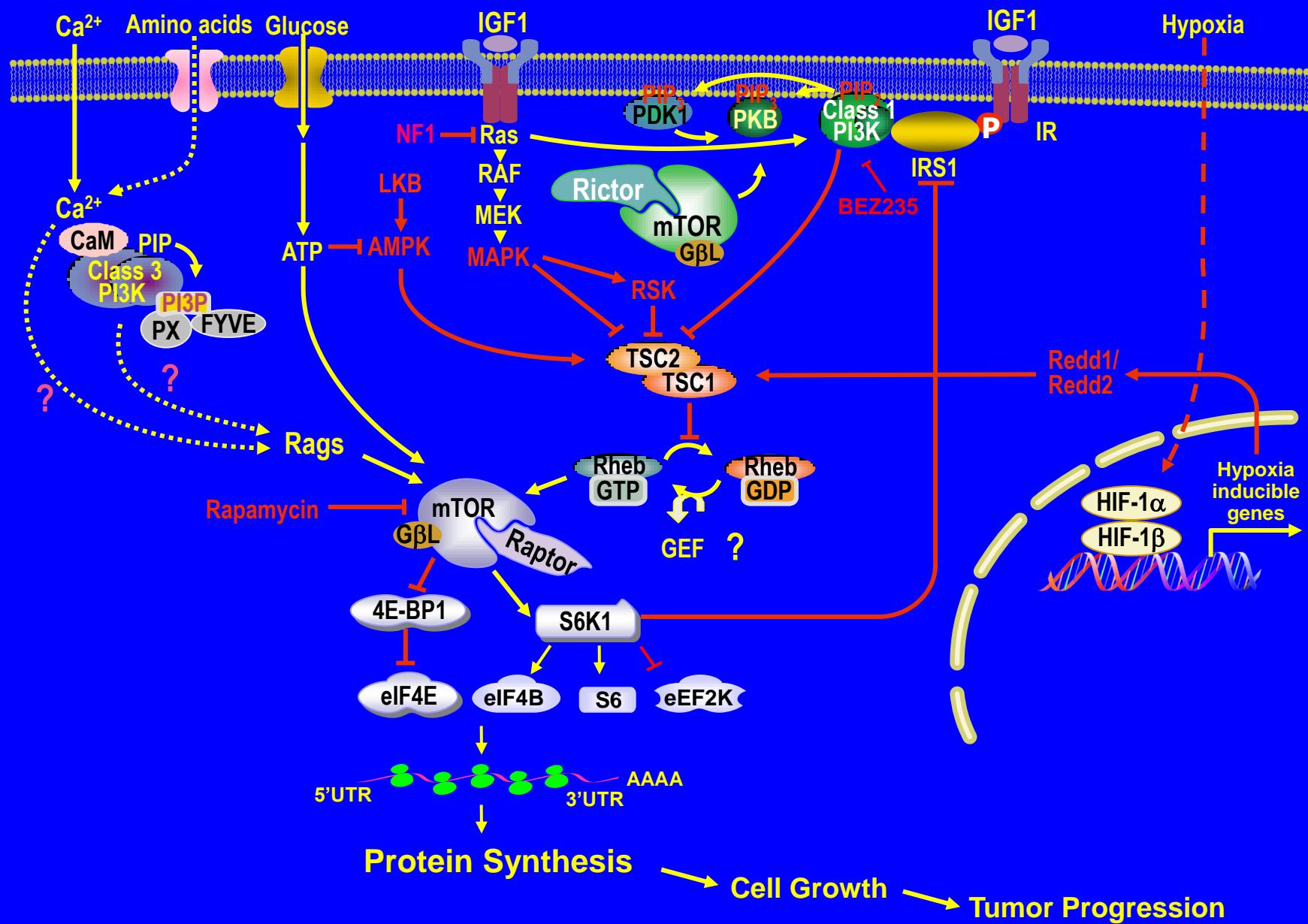
# Effect of PP242 on Cell Cycle Regulators



# “Division of labor” downstream of mTOR



# mTOR signaling pathway

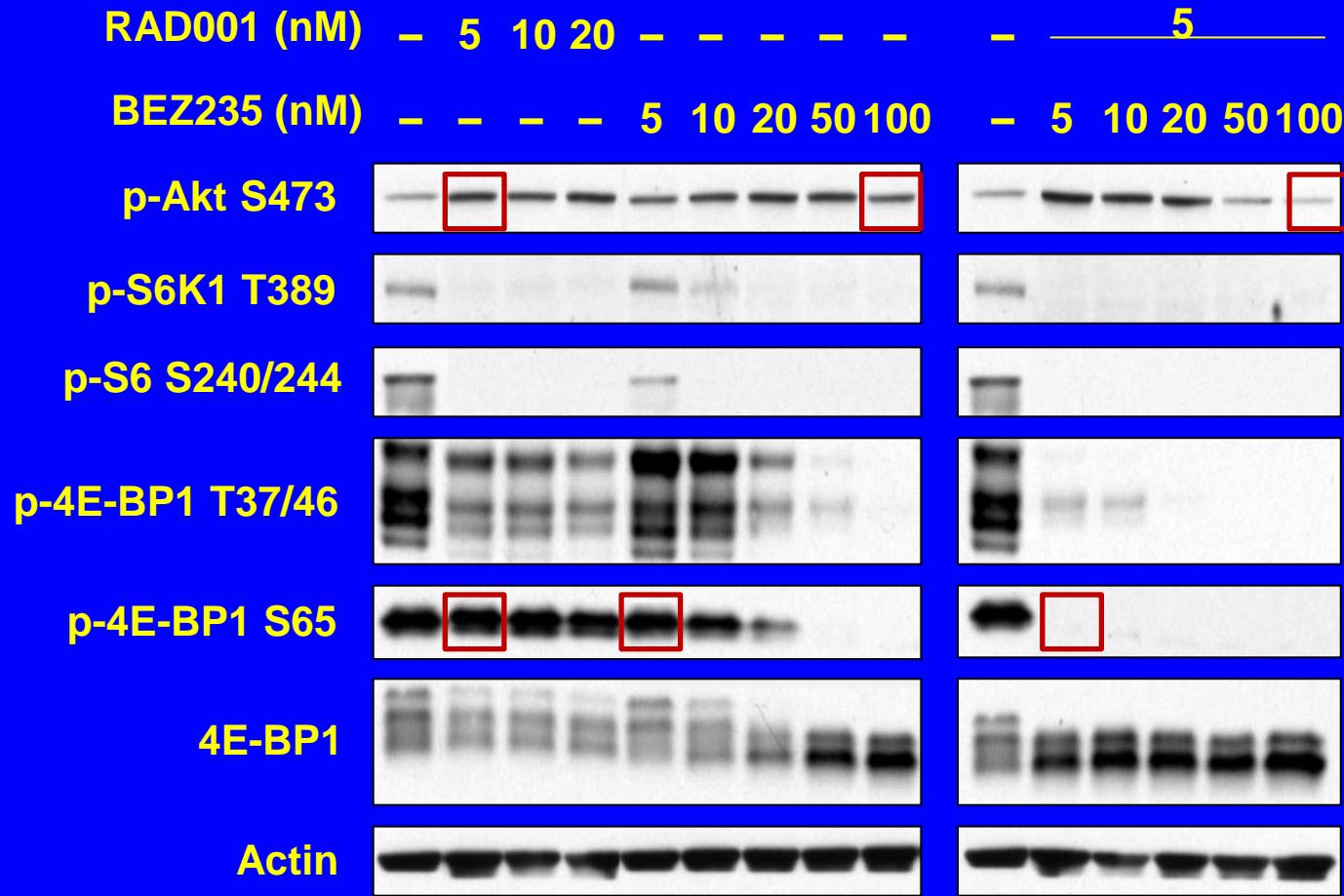


# Human Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)

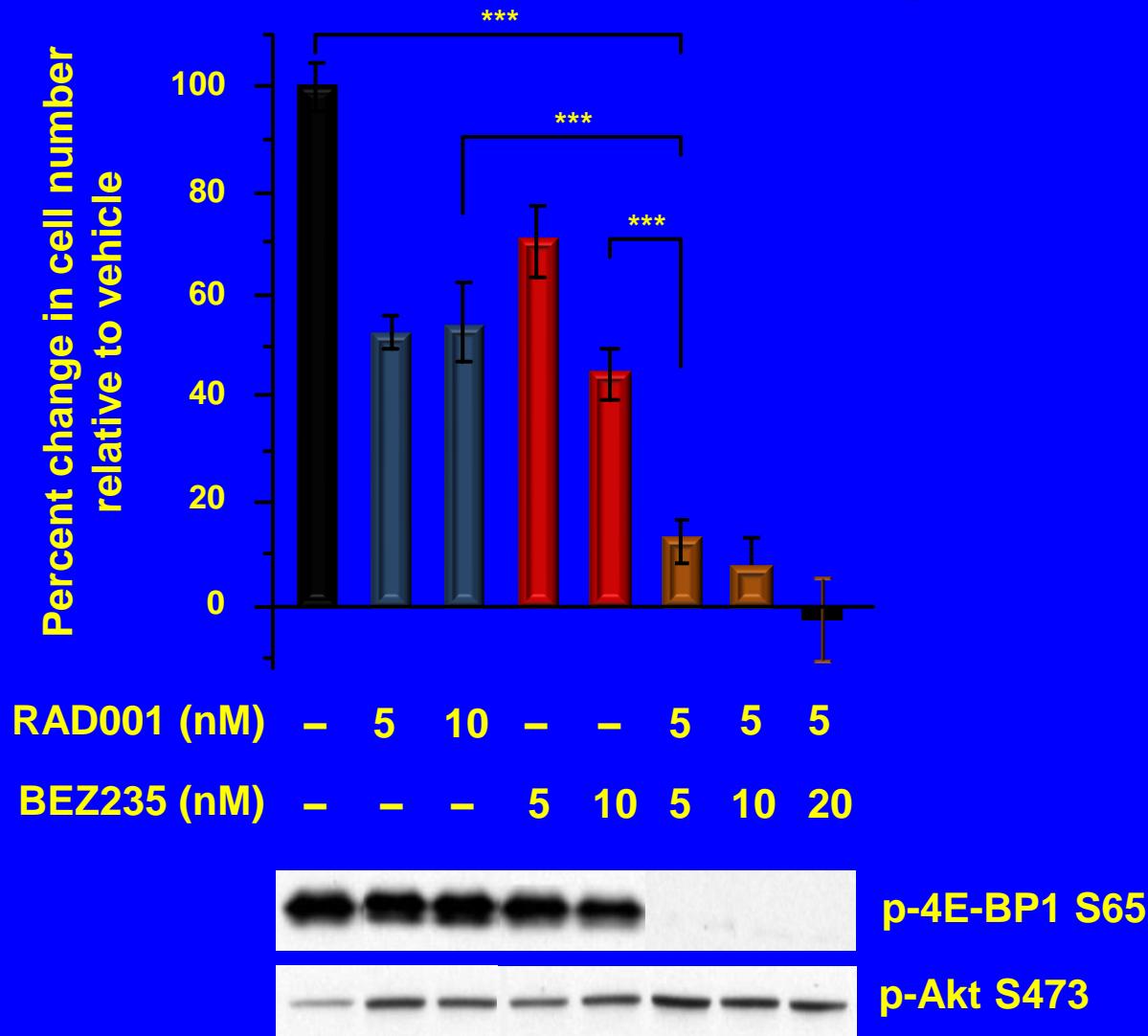
- Is the 5<sup>th</sup> most common cancer in the world
- is the 3<sup>rd</sup> cause of cancer related mortality
- 80% of HCC have hyperactive mTORC1 signaling
- Any agent leading to chronic liver damage is a risk factor for HCC, such as:
  - Infection with either Hepatitis B or C viruses
  - Exposure to aflatoxins
  - Alcoholism
  - Non-alcoholic hepatosteatosis (NASH), metabolic disorders-mainly obesity



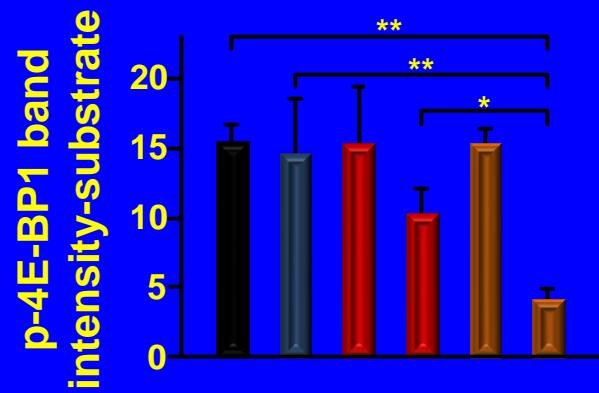
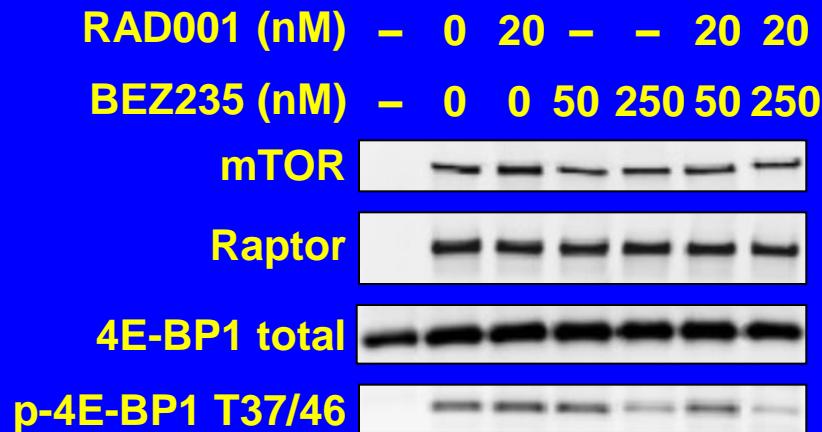
# RAD001 and BEZ235 synergistically inhibit mTOR signaling



# RAD001/BEZ235 Inhibition of Proliferation Parallels 4E-BP1 Phosphorylation



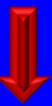
# RAD001 and BEZ235 Synergistically Inhibit of mTORC1 Kinase *in vitro*



	-	20	-	-	20	20
RAD001 (nM)	-	20	-	-	20	20
BEZ235 (nM)	-	-	50	250	50	250

# DEN HCC Mouse Model ~ Human HCC with Bad Prognosis

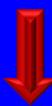
2 weeks



46 weeks



50 weeks



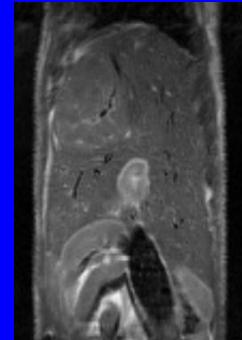
Treatment

Inject with DEN (50mg/Kg BW)



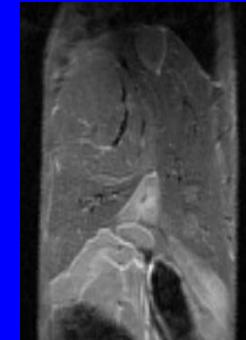
MRI

Start treatment

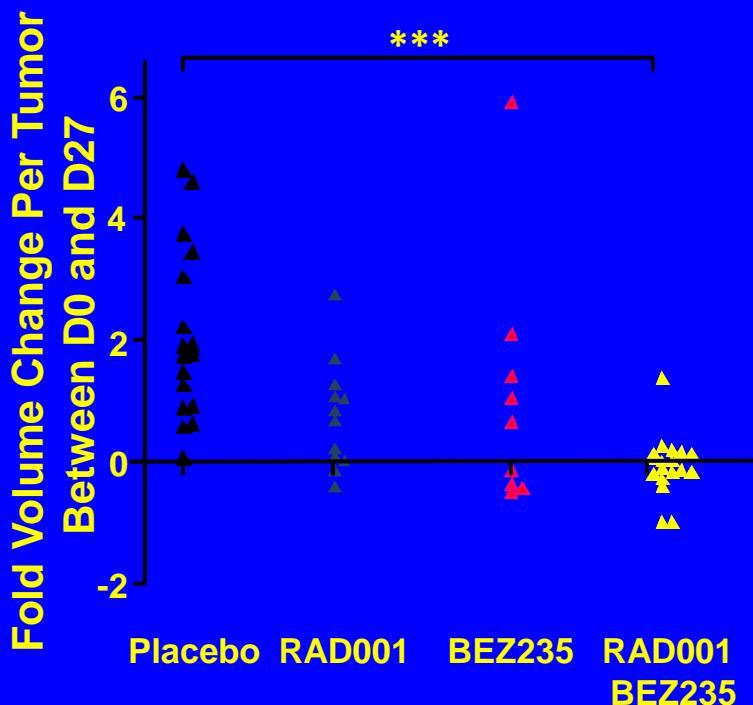
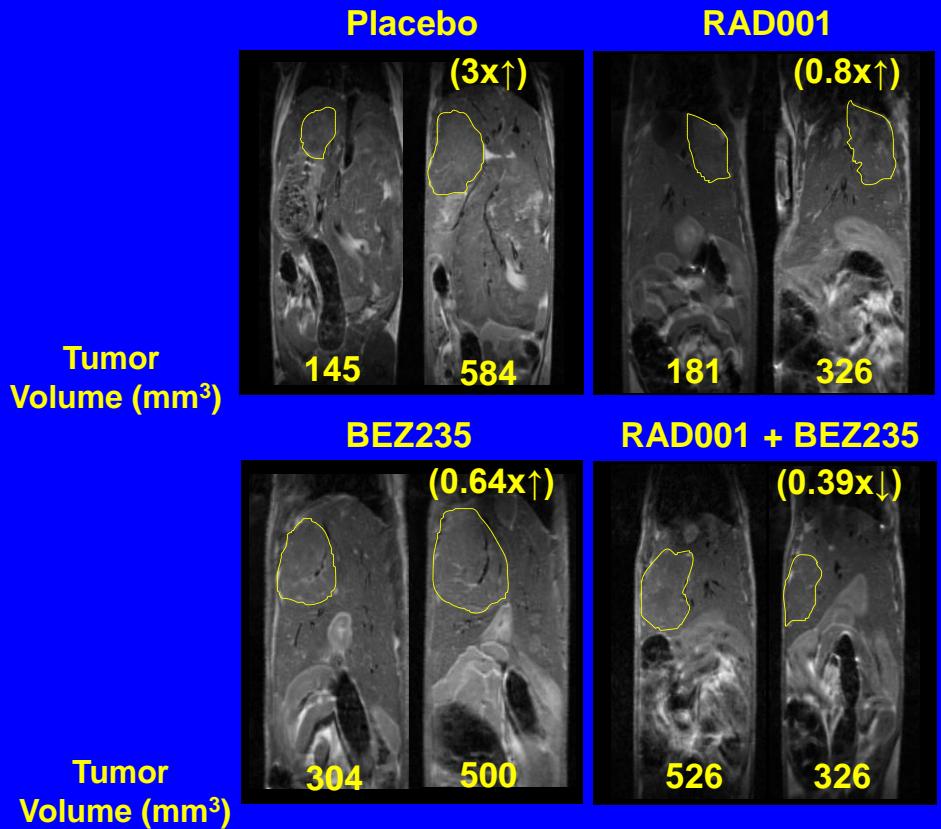


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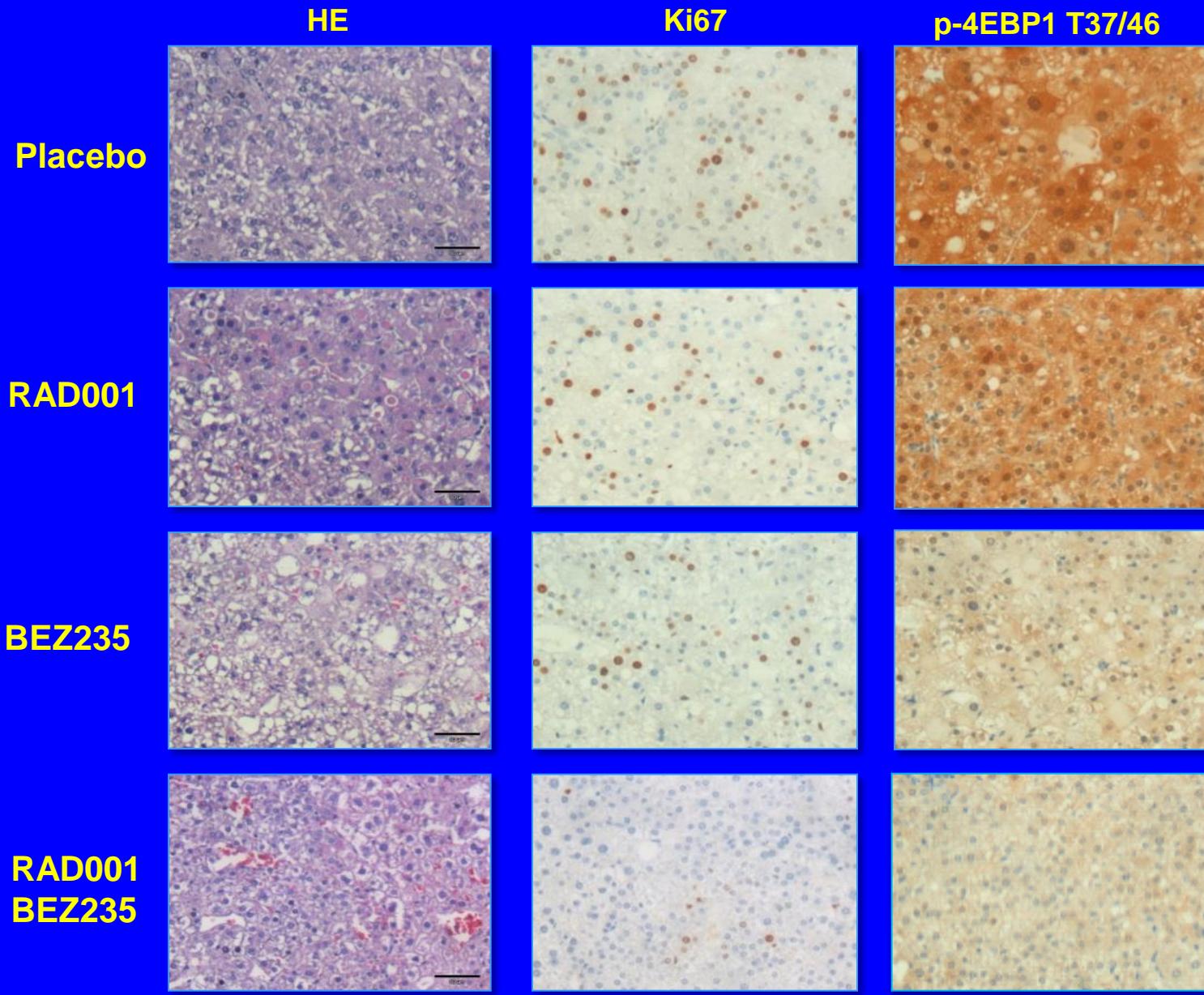
Sacrifice the next day



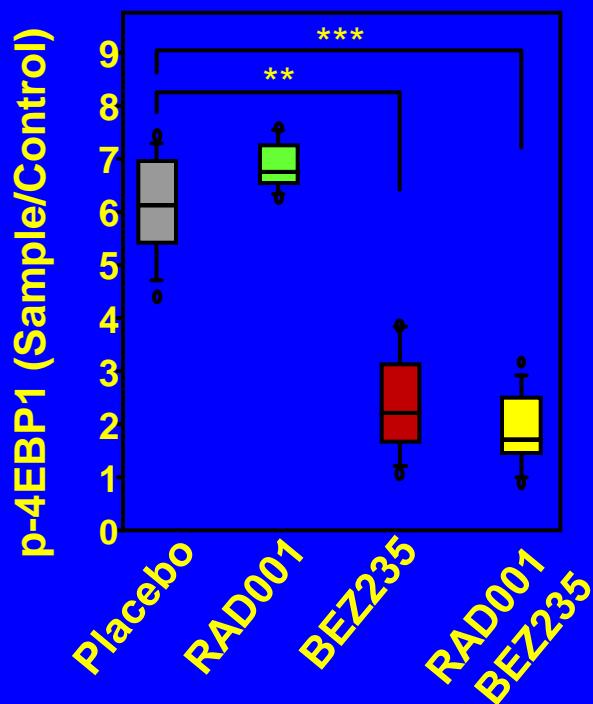
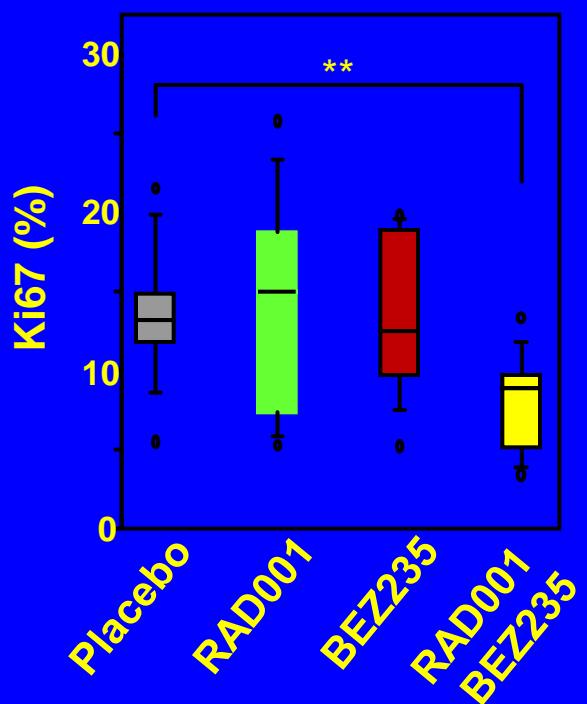
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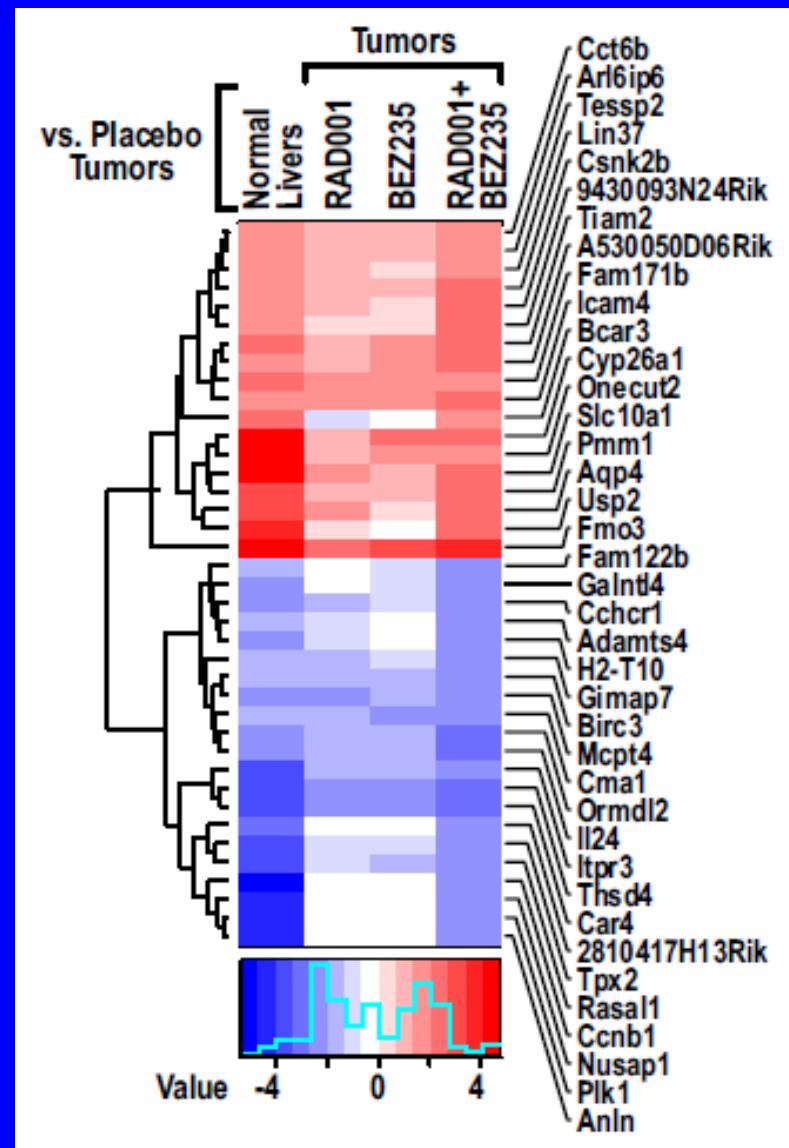
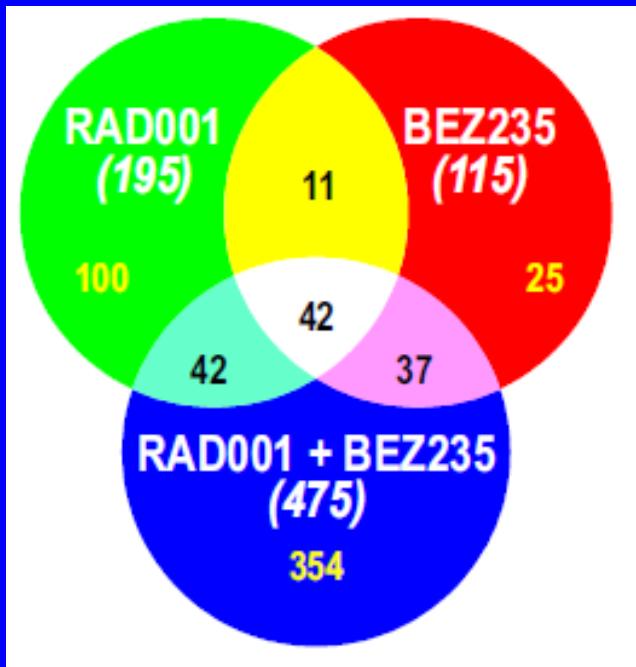
# RAD001/BEZ235 Inhibit HCC Better than Single Agents Alone



# No statistical significance for p-4EBP1 between BEZ235 alone and combination



# RAD001/BEZ235 Causes the Largest Number of Genes to Revert to Normal

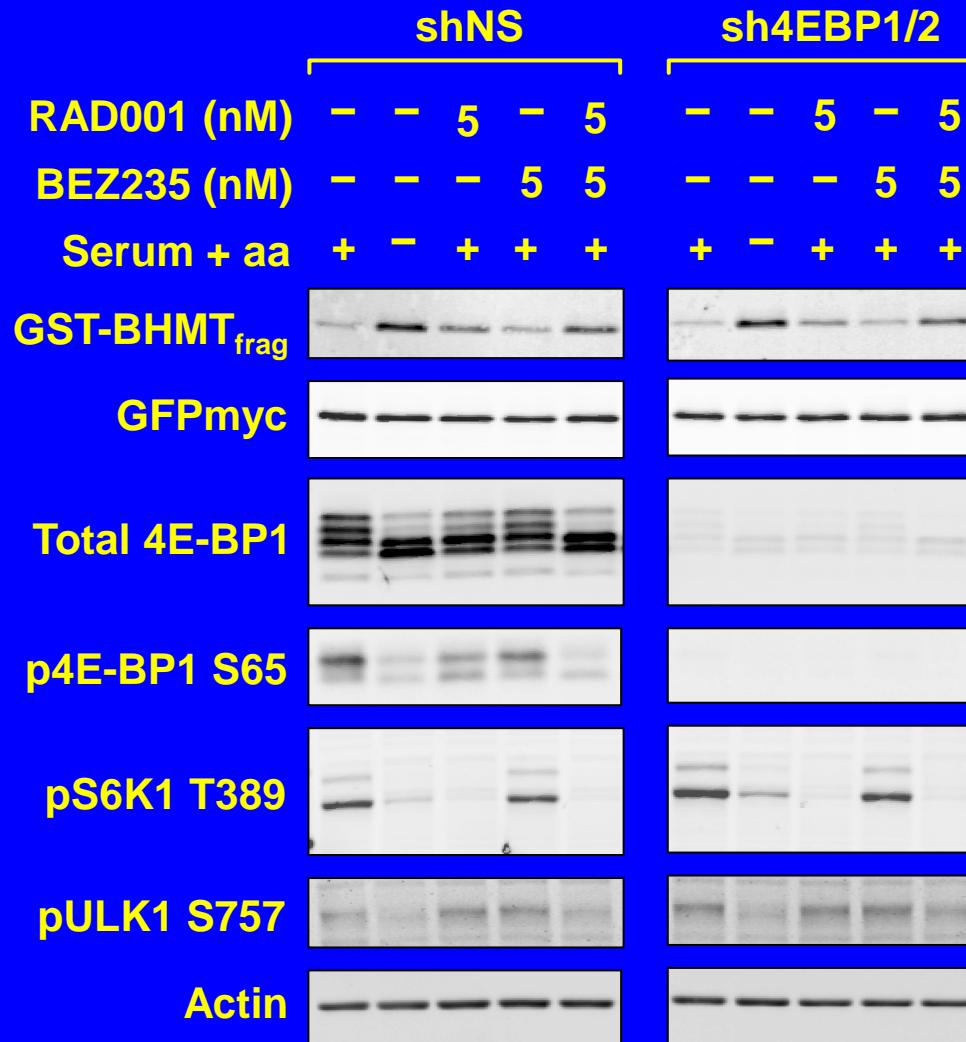


# Pair-wise Comparison of Autophagy Genes between Placebo Tumors and Normal Livers

[Placebo tumors] vs [Placebo livers]			
Gene ID	logFC	p value	FDR
Atg2b	-0.262	0.064	0.218
Atg3	-1.212	0.000	0.000
Atg5	-0.600	0.000	0.000
Atg7	-1.201	0.000	0.000
Atg9b	1.727	0.051	0.185
Atg10	-0.430	0.015	0.075
Atg16l1	-0.326	0.005	0.033
Becl1	-0.057	0.676	0.861
Ulk1	0.764	0.008	0.047
Ulk2	-0.936	0.000	0.000
Map1lc3a	-1.380	0.000	0.000

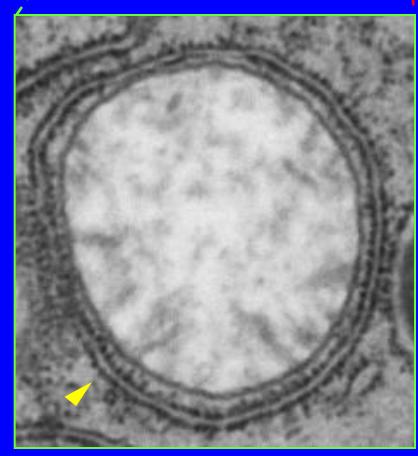
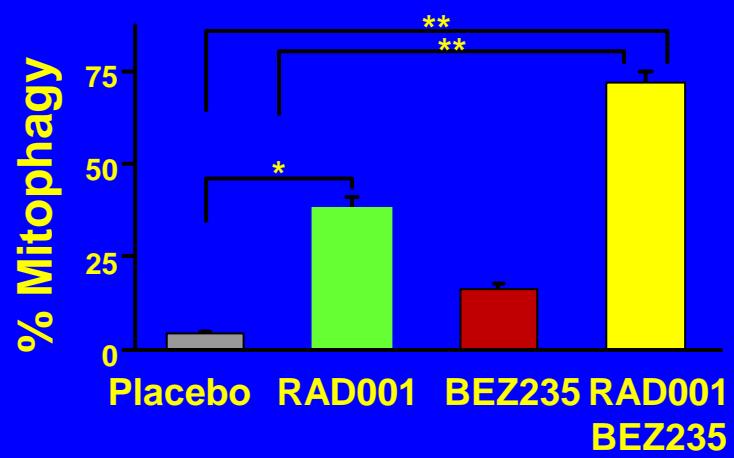
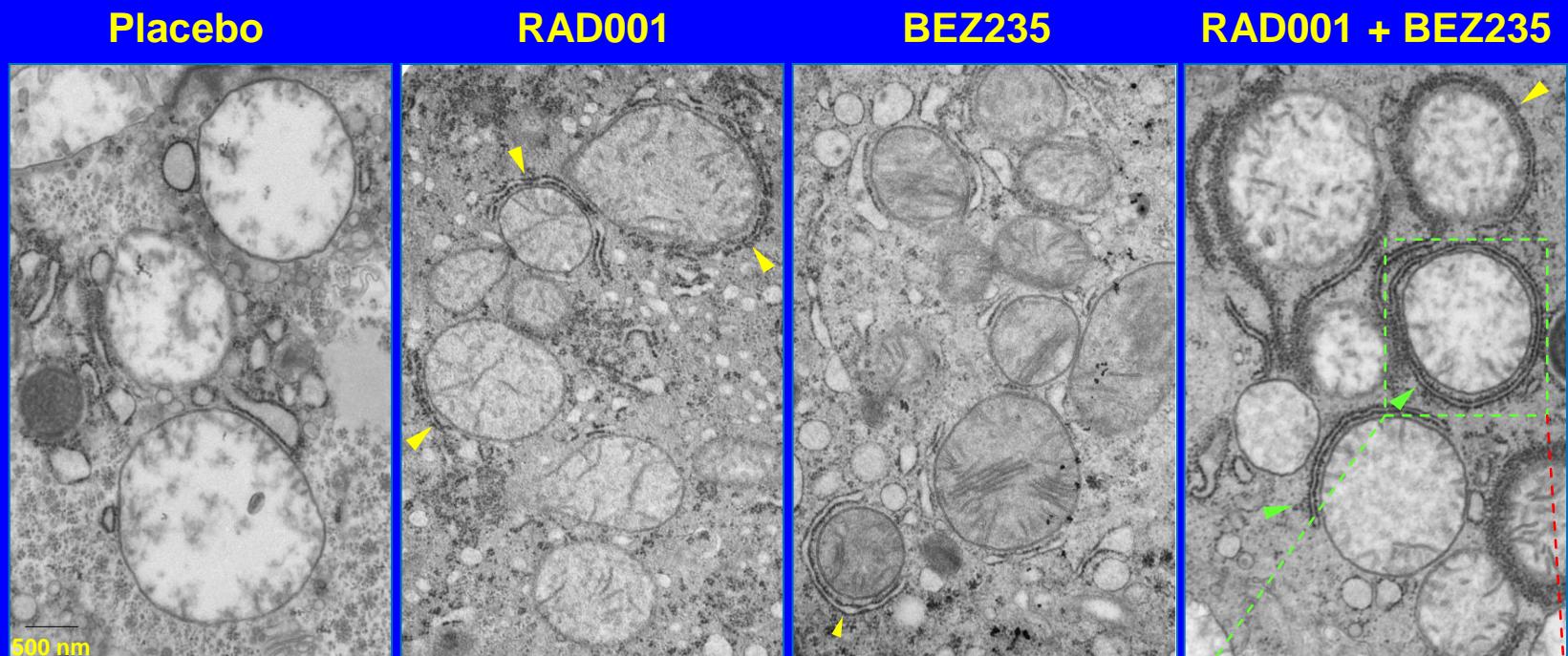
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# RAD001 and BEZ235 versus Autophagic Response



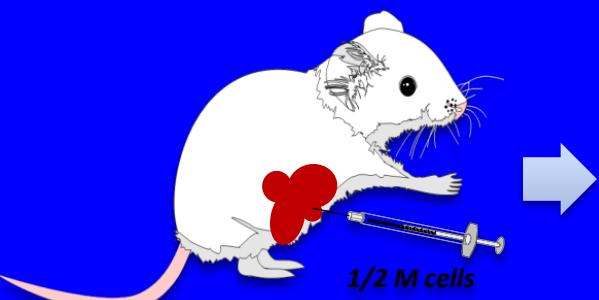
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# RAD001/BEZ235 Effect Autophagosomes

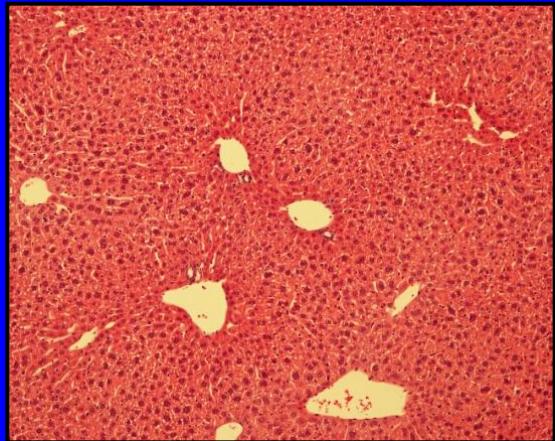


# Orthotopic HCC model : human HCC cell lines in nude mice

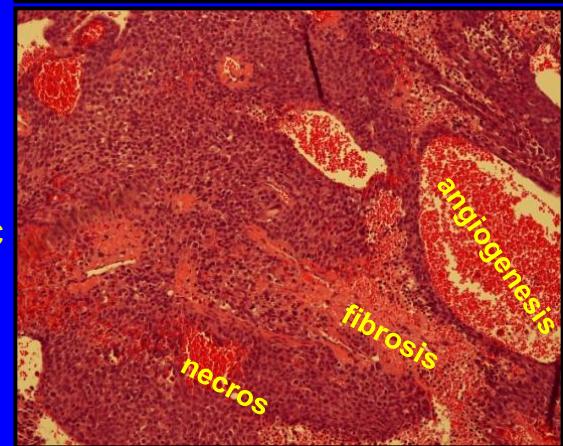
Intra-hepatic injection and subsequent passage



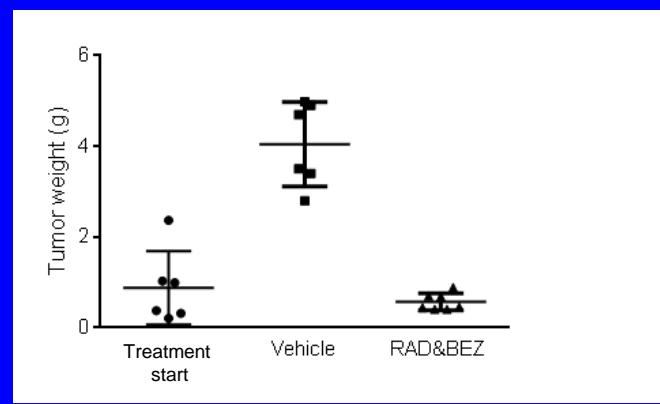
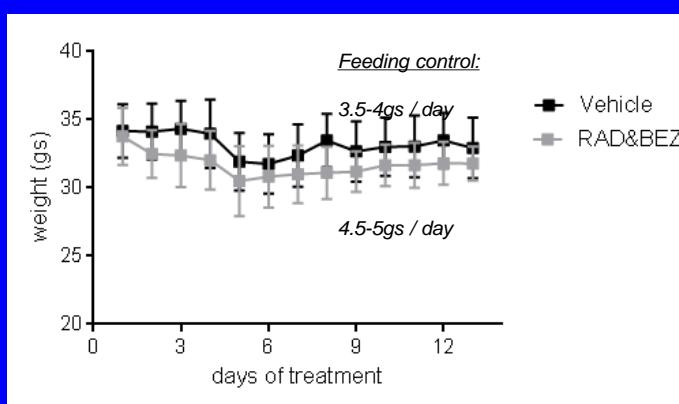
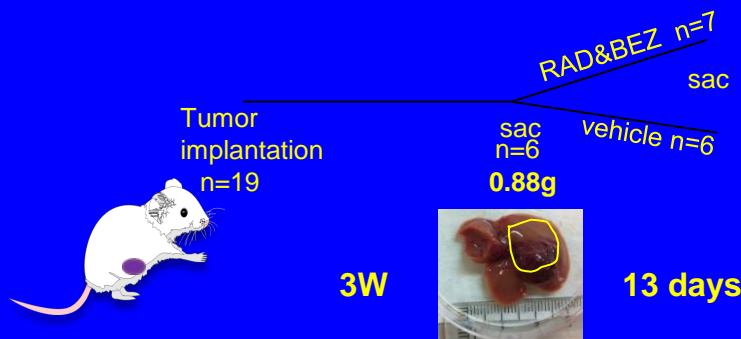
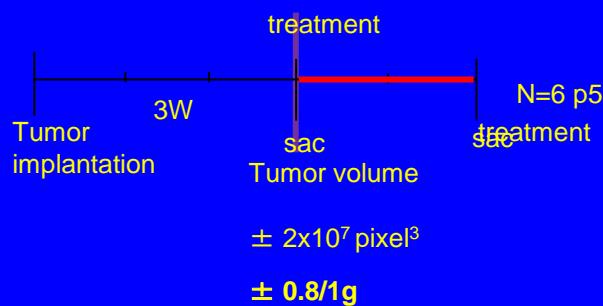
Healthy liver



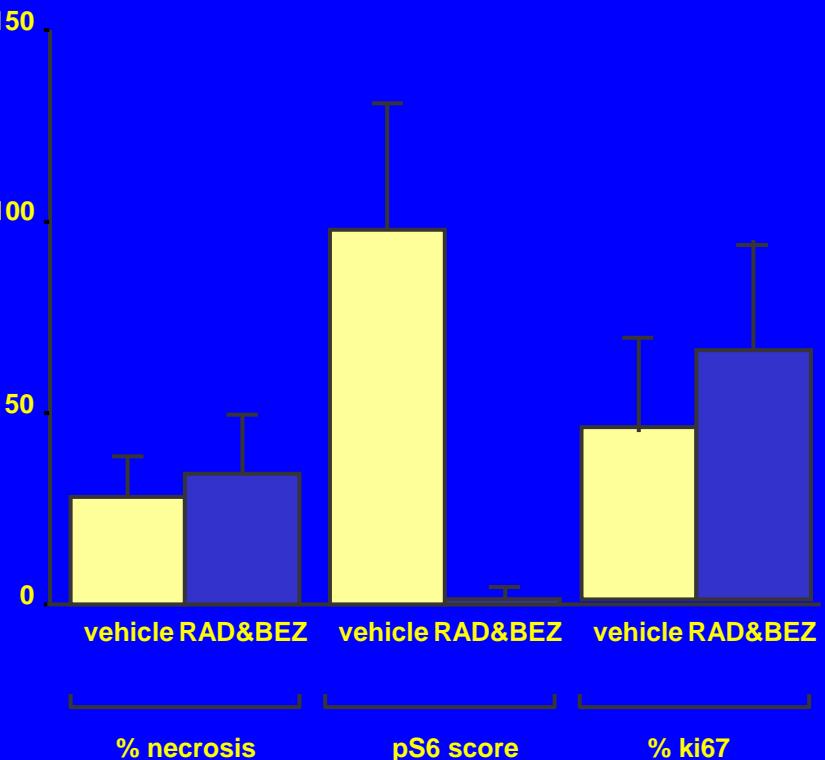
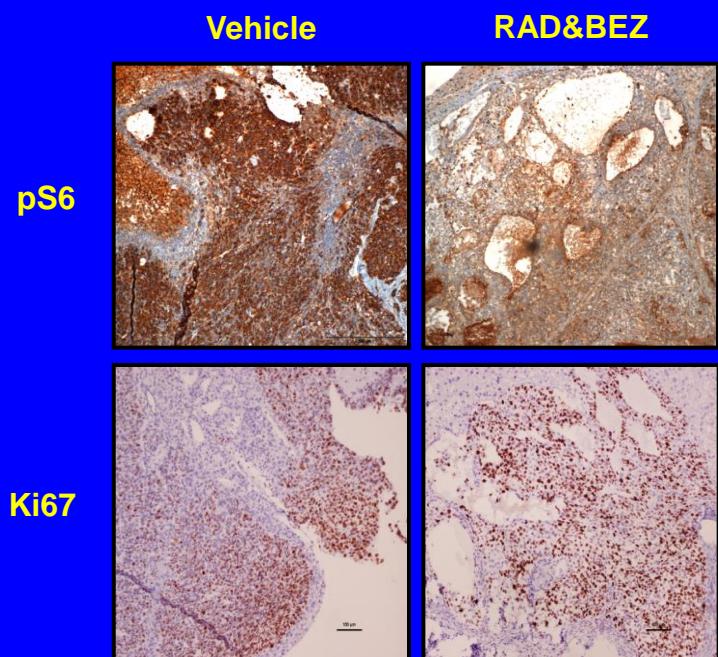
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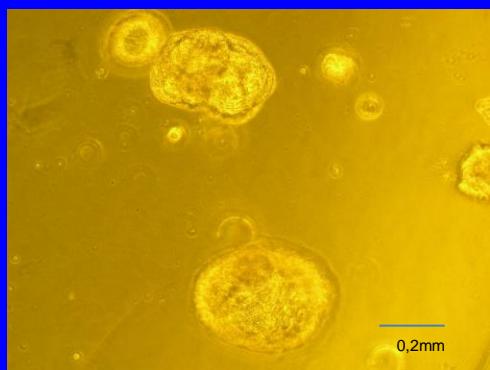
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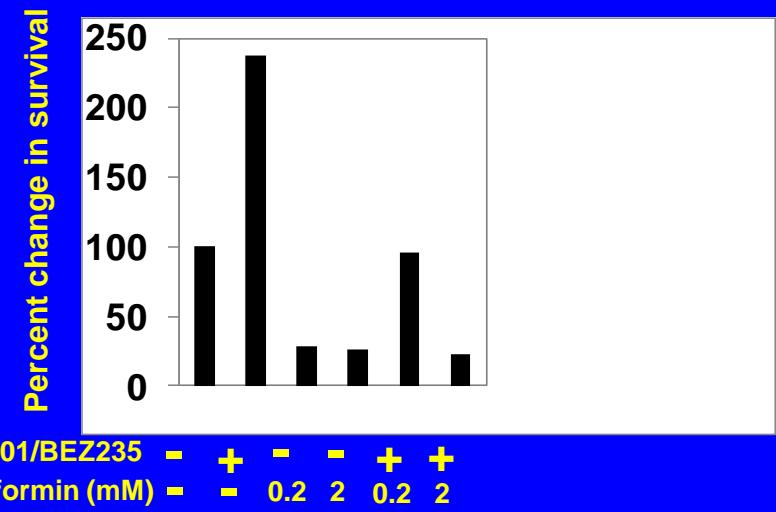
# BEZ/RAD Treatment of Huh7 Tumors



# Organoids from HCC and triple combination



Organoids



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# Translational Implication

Began an Investigator Initiated Phase 1B-2 dose escalation trial with RAD001 combined with BEZ235 in patients with advanced solid tumors, including HCC (funded by Novartis)

[No Study Results Posted](#)

[Related Studies](#)

## Safety Study of BEZ235 With Everolimus in Subjects With Advanced Solid Tumors

This study is currently recruiting participants.

Verified on January 2012 by University of Cincinnati

First Received on January 6, 2012. No Changes Posted

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